

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 556

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to commend Caroline Ross Tippens for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Ross Tippens is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Jason Mumpower; Caroline's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, while a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM), where she was highly regarded by her peers, Caroline maintained a 3.68 grade point average while earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including University Scholars Organization, Beta Beta Beta Biological Society, College Republicans, LEAD Academy, Mu Epsilon Delta, Mid-South Sociological Association, and the Student Leadership Team for the Dean of Educational and Behavioral Sciences; and

WHEREAS, an active part of her community, she has also volunteered with Martin Healthcare, CHS, We-Care, and Reelfoot Lake Annual Clean-Up; and

WHEREAS, Caroline has already gleaned a solid work background, having been employed throughout her college career with Target Photo Lab, Shearin Auction Service, HWY 70 Auctions, and various positions with Randstad Temporary Employment Agency; and

WHEREAS, she also has previous internship experience, having worked for Judge John Everett Williams of the Sixth Criminal Court of Appeals from April to August 2006; and

WHEREAS, graduating *Magna cum Laude*, Caroline has won recognition as a University Scholar, Phi Kappa Phi, Keynote Speaker of the Elite Luncheon Series, Who's Who Among

American College Students, the Dean's List and the Chancellor's List in addition to serving as Student Representative to UTM's Chancellor Search Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Caroline Tippens was the recipient of numerous scholarships, including the University Scholar, Tennessee Lottery Scholarship, Leaders in Residence Scholarship, and the Wal-Mart Scholarship as well as the Dean Mary Lee Hall's Conference Travel Scholarship; and ;

WHEREAS, a highly accomplished young lady who will begin pursuing her Doctor of Jurisprudence later this year, Caroline Tippens has given scholarly presentations at a number of professional conferences and her thesis is due to be published in December of 2007; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Caroline Tippens brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2007 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2007 legislative session, Caroline Tippens has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Caroline is most grateful for the love and support of her fiancé, Johnathan Matthew Florea, whom she met in line at a Chinese restaurant in Jackson and with whom she will join together in the sacred bonds of matrimony in June of 2007; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Tippens has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Caroline Ross Tippens for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Jason Mumpower, House Republican Leader, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.